

A SINGULAR WILL CASE.

How an Immense Estate was Lost by a Slip of the Pen. The St. Louis Times of a recent date says:— An interesting suit was filed yesterday in the Circuit Court, by Sarah J. Howell, against the Home of the Friendless and William U. Jameson, executor of the estate of William H. Bell, in which she states that she is a sister of the late Major William H. Bell, and that about the year 1834 and during the life of her brother she married Dr. William Howell, who died in 1850. She is now a widow 60 years old. Her brother at the time of his death and for a long time previous resided in this city. He was a veteran officer of the United States army, and was seventy-two years old when he died. For some time previous to his death he was suffering from a brain and body. On the 27th of November, 1855, he made a will. The complainants claim that he was then, and for a long time previous, of sound and disposing mind; that in the will he left to Mrs. Powell, "one undivided fourth of the balance of his estate of every kind whatever;" that his estate was worth not less than \$250,000, and that his debts, etc., did not exceed \$500. On the 8th of December, 1855, he made a codicil, giving to Michael Volney \$1000, and on the 14th of the same month, in another codicil, he revoked the bequest to Mrs. Powell, and devised one-half to the Home of the Friendless. The next day he bequeathed to Andrew Auer \$1500. On the 15th of December, in still another codicil, he directed that the leasehold, corner of Olive and Fourth streets, should remain as then for two years from the date of his death, when it was to be sold. The will was admitted to probate on the 5th of January, 1856, and William Jameson was appointed executor of the will. Plaintiff claims that she is the person described in the will, as the doctor had no sister named Sarah Powell; that the person who wrote or drafted the will and codicil by a clerical mistake wrote Sarah Powell instead of Sarah J. Howell. It is further charged that he was not of sound mind when he made the codicil of December 14, and an opening up of the matters in the estate is therefore asked for.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements. THE GERMAN OPERA.—On Monday evening next the German opera season will commence with Beethoven's Fidelio. On Tuesday Nicolai's opera of The Merry Wives of Windsor will be performed. AT THE CHESTNUT Boucicault's drama of The Colleen Bawn will be performed this evening, for the benefit of Mrs. W. J. Florence. A matinee to-morrow. AT THE WALNUT the drama of The Great City will be represented this evening. There will be a matinee to-morrow. AT THE ARCH the military drama of Ours will be given for the last time this evening. On Monday a new piece, entitled Coquette; or, The Two Josses, will be produced. AT THE MEXICAN the performance this evening will be strictly adapted to the tastes of a family audience. There will be a family matinee to-morrow. AT MRS. WARNER'S CIRCUS, Tenth and Callowhill streets, D'Almeida, the "man with the iron jaw," and Mad'le Angela, the "female Samson," will appear this evening. ROTHEMEL'S picture of "The Battle of Gettysburg" may be seen from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. at No. 1003 Chestnut street. BERNSTEIN'S picture of "The Emerald Pool" is now on exhibition at Earles' Galleries, No. 816 Chestnut street, for the benefit of the soldiers' orphans of the Lincoln Institute. AT THE NEW AMERICAN MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, the drama of Monte Christo will be repeated this evening. A matinee will be given to-morrow. AT THE ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE the Christmas pantomime of Hush-a-Bye Baby and other attractions will be presented this evening. AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE Amy Lloyd's Female Minstrels will perform this evening. SIGNOR BLITZ and his son will give a magical performance at the Assembly Building this evening. A matinee to-morrow.

CITY ITEMS.

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NEABER—GILBERT.—Thursday, January 6th, at St. John's Church, by the Rev. J. A. Seis, D. D., JACKSON MARRIAGE to MIA, daughter of the late Dr. D. Gilbert, all of this city.

RHOADS—BONNE.—On the 5th instant, by the Rev. Bishop SIVER, at St. MAURIN RHOADS, of Philadelphia, R. I., to EMILY, daughter of Chas. L. Borje, Esq., of this city.

SNYDER—HALEY.—December 28th, by Rev. George L. C. HARRIS, at the residence of Mr. Wm. W. Atkinson, brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. W. WASHINGTON.

TON C. SNYDER to MISS JESSIE HALEY, both of this city.

DEAD.—BROWN.—On the 4th instant, THOMAS BROWN, in the 6th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, also Adolphus Lodge, No. 22, I. O. of G. S., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 261 North Seventh street, on Saturday, the 7th instant, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Ebenezer Church Ground.

DUVILLARD.—On the evening of the 2d instant, MARY JACOBS DUVILLARD, in the 5th year of her age. The friends of Mrs. Mary H. Bell are invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 111 Queen street, on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Trinity Church.

PEQUEÑO.—Suddenly, at Madrid, Spain, on November 27th, 1870, CAMBINO PEQUEÑO, Sr.—a Christian gentleman, genial, and generous. His many friends in this city, where he resided several years, will learn with real sorrow of his death.

RITZER.—On the 4th instant, ELIZABETH, wife of Philip Ritter, and daughter of Henry and Mary H. Van Fassen. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, Gloucester City, New Jersey, Sunday, the 8th instant, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to the M. E. Church.

WALLACE.—On the 3d instant, Mr. JOHN C. WALLACE, aged 35 years, of Camden, N. J. The relatives and friends, also Post No. 6, G. A. R., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his residence, No. 220 Walnut street, above second, on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to 644 Fellows' cemetery.

WISSE.—On the 5th instant, MARY ELIZABETH, wife of John G. Wisse, and daughter of Jacob and Evira Stauffer, aged 25 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 1225 Columbia avenue, on Monday afternoon, 8th instant, at 1 o'clock. To proceed to 644 Fellows' cemetery.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see Inside Pages.

BEAUTY, TASTE, ACCURACY, AT HILFENSTEIN & LEWIN, Railroad and Commercial Printing House, FIFTH and CHESTNUT Streets.

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6, 1871. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held on TUESDAY, the 19th day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock, M.

A. C. LEIDY, Secretary. OFFICE OF THE UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, N. E. Corner of THIRD and WALNUT Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5, 1871. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company a dividend of SIX PER CENT. was declared on the outstanding scrip and stock of the Company, clear of taxes, payable on demand.

JOHN MOSS, Secretary. PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The Annual Meeting of the Contributors to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb will be held at the Institution, corner of BROAD and PINE Streets, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th of January, at 4 o'clock P. M.

The annual report of the Board of Directors will be submitted, and an election will be held for officers to serve for the ensuing year.

JAMES J. BARCLAY, Secretary. AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, WALNUT Street, S. E. corner of Fourth.

At an Annual Election by the Stockholders, held on MONDAY, January 2, 1871, the following named gentlemen were elected:

Alexander Whilldin, Isaac Hazlehurst, George Nugent, James L. Claghorn, Hon. James Pollock, Henry K. Bennett, St. Edgar Thomas, L. M. Whilldin, Albert C. Roberts, George W. Hill, Philip B. Mingle, John Wanamaker, Hon. Alex. Mattell.

And at a meeting of said Trustees, held January 5, the following officers were elected:—ALEXANDER WHILLDIN, President. GEORGE NUGENT, Vice-President. JOHN S. WILSON, Sec. and Treas. 16 1/2

BANK REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA at the close of business on the 23rd day of December, 1870.

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